

Citizen Advisory Committee

Members Needed

The City of Lowell is seeking volunteers for the Citizens Advisory Committee that reviews grant applications and recommends funding allocations to the City Manager for the CDBG and ESG programs.

The City of Lowell seeks residents interested in volunteering to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for our Annual Consolidated Plan. This volunteer committee plays an important role in the allocation of funds that benefit Lowell's low- and moderate-income residents. The 7 to 9 member CAC is responsible for reviewing all grant applications submitted by non-profit organizations and city departments requesting funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs.

These grant funds are distributed annually through a competitive proposal process. CAC members review written grant applications, hear testimony from applicants at a public hearing, and meet during the winter months to formulate a recommended plan for awarding grants. This recommendation is then forwarded to the City Manager, and forms the groundwork for the City's annual spending plan for these federal grants.

Because these funds are intended to benefit low and moderate income people as well as minorities; people of color and residents of Lowell's lower-income neighborhoods are particularly encouraged to apply. All members must be residents of Lowell, and have no direct affiliation in an agency, project, or program funded with CDBG or ESG funds. Those members approved by the City Manager will be appointed to a one-year term.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume/CV to Nick Pernice, Community Development Assistant (npernice@lowellma.gov) or to Dept. of Planning and Development, 2nd floor, 50 Arcand Drive, Lowell, MA 01852. All materials received will be forwarded to the City Manager for his review and appointments **beginning on November 8, 2013.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Pernice 978-674-4262 (x1418), or Allison Lamey 978-674-4262 (x1429).